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A GLANCE AT KORESHANITY.

KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY is a complete system of the Science of the great Universe of life; and it involves the knowledge of the Creator and his creation. The name by which it is designated, in contradistinction to perverted Christianity, is **KORESHANITY**; and the new Religion must supplant Christianity, as Christianity supplanted Judaism. Koreshanity has come to fulfil the hope of the world in the liberation of humanity from the curse, in the establishment of the Kingdom of God in earth, the introduction of the New Era of Light and Life, of universal harmony and happiness.

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COSMOGONY.—The universe is a cell, a hollow globe, the physical body of which is the earth; the sun is at the center. We live on the inside of the cell; and the sun, moon, planets, and stars are all within the globe. The universe is eternal, a great battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

ALCHEMY.—The Science of Alchemy is the Philosopher's Stone, the Key to the mystery of life. Chemistry is false; Alchemy is true! Matter and energy are interconvertible and interdependent; they are correlates; matter is destructible; the result of its transmutation is energy. Alchemy is the key to the analysis of the universe.

THEOLOGY.—God is personal and biune, with a trinity of specific attributes. God

in his perfection and power is the God-man or the man-God, the Seed of univesal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

MESSIANIC LAW.—The coming of the Messiah is as inevitable as the reproduction of the seed. The divine Seed was sown nineteen hundred years ago; the firstfruit is another Messianic personality. The Messiah is now in the world, declaring the scientific Gospel.

REINCARNATION is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity,—not in the sky.

HUMAN DESTINY.—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

IMMORTALITY IN THE FLESH.—Koreshanity declares and defines the laws of immortality, and its attainment in the natural world. The first step is recognition of the Messiah and the application of his truth. **KORESH** was the first in modern times to announce the possibility of overcoming death in the natural world, in the flesh.

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PSYCHOLOGY.—Koreshanity points to the basis of all psychic phenomena—the

human brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

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KORESHAN SOCIALISM.—Our Social System is patterned after the form of the natural cosmos; that form is the natural expression of the laws of order. We demonstrate the fallacy of competition; advocate the destruction of the money-power; the control of the products of industry by the government, and the equitable distribution of the goods of life. Koreshanity will abolish wage slavery, and make it impossible for men to accumulate wealth and impoverish the people.

CHURCH AND STATE.—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Koreshan Government is the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic; and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is emplaced at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.

The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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Divine Truth and its Counterfeits.

Modern Mental Scientists Imitating the Works and Claims of the Messiah; Messianism the Central Doctrine of Life; Growing Influence of Antichristian Fallacies.

THERE IS A CLASS of people that may be distinguished by the significant title "I AM GOD." The doctrines promulgated are at variance with every principle of life as disseminated by the Savior of men, and so absolutely antichristian as to be most consistently designated the spirit of antichrist as defined by the Revelator. Underlying and constituting the impulse to this new phase of deception, is the desire to speculate and make money on the credulity of religious fanatics. It is not surprising, in fact, it is reasonable to suppose that the devil should announce himself God at a time when the fruit of the real Christ is about to mature.

God and Lord, as applied to Deity, are titles involving very different concepts and principles. God (Eloah) implies all that is true of the universe, in the mind where the truth is revealed, where it obtains as an omniscient consciousness. The Lord is the personality in whom God is thus made manifest. As in the case and personality of Jesus the Lord, God (the Eloah) was invisible in Christ the Lord. Jesus had attained to an immortal state. In such attainment He was distinctively the Son of God; he was distinct in his character from all other men, in that he was immortal while they were mortal, and did not possess—in any sense—the Spirit of God, but rather the spirit of the devil. This was made conspicuously clear in the Lord's own differentiation of his origin as compared with the

origin of those whom he declared to be of their father the devil; and he further iterated, that the works of their father they would do.

Lord, in English, and Jehovah, in Hebrew, are the same. The Lord Jesus in his personal manifestation was the veritable Jehovah, and in him was the invisible God; that is, Eloah. After the church was baptized by the Holy Spirit, the Christ had entered the church and the church was actuated by the Spirit of the Almighty—the Spirit being the Almighty. In the declension of the church, the Spirit declined with the church and became the spirit of the devil. If the human mind were capable of reasoning a little on the basis of correspondences, it could easily perceive the possibility of the declension of the Spirit of Deity in the human race.

As there is a purely physical sun, that which we have denominated the alchemico-organic, so there is a purely anthropostic Sun. As there is a solar center to the world of physics, so there is a solar center to the world of humanity. The center to the world of physics, which is in space, has no mental consciousness as there is in the anthropostic Sun. The physical sun radiates its energies through space, reaching its limitations at the environing circumferences of the shell which determine its limitations. At the surface of the earth the pure radiations of the sun's light, heat, electricity, and magnetism are made to change their character. Energy becomes matter, and the encumberments of the

earth are the products of the precipitation of the sun. The filth upon the earth, by which the vegetable life upon it is fertilized, was once in the sun and constituted the spirit of all the radiations of the solar energy. The Spirit which was in the Christ, who was the bright and morning Star, constituted the Light of the world when manifest in the disciples. They constituted the anthropostic Sun. Corresponding to the radiations of the physical sun, the radiations of the anthropostic (human) Sun descend through the race, and at the limitations of the cycle the truth has become fallacy, and the good has become evil.

Man is now in a state of mortality, and it will require something more than thinking to awaken him out of his mortality and corruption. The man who says "I AM GOD," and who holds to the fallacies of modern science, is a liar and is teaching other men to lie. According to the Messianic law, there will come one man in whom and through whom God, as the Spirit of Truth, will operate to give to the world the true science of life. This man will be born in sin and shapen in iniquity, but will overcome his iniquities and become the baptizer of that portion of the world which has ripened sufficiently to become receptive to his baptism. This spirit which declares "I AM GOD," lies about the personal Messiah; it ignores and denounces the Messianic law; it belittles the character of Jesus the Lord, and denies his personal Messiahship.

The power of restoring to ordinary physiological health those who were afflicted, constituted but a small part of the mission of the Christ 1900 years ago. The practice of turning it into the business of financial speculation did not enter into even that phase of His work. We hope the readers of THE FLAMING SWORD will be able to distinguish between this doctrine of antichrist and the Koreshan doctrine of life and death. Humanity—spirit, soul, and body—is in the mortal state. God does not constitute the spirit or soul of the common mortal man. The spirit which actuates man is the spirit of the devil, and not the Spirit of God. Man cannot think himself into immortality, for the simple reason that the spirit which attempts to do this is nothing but the spirit of mortality. The first thing of importance for men to do, is to become conscious of the fact that humanity is mortal; that men are in hell; that this is the material hell, and that it is just as much a reality as heaven. Get out of the hallucination that men are going to hell, and become conscious of the fact that mankind merely changes from the natural to the spiritual hell of his progress, until he learns the fact that he is *in hell*, and knowing this, desires to take the proper measures for getting out. Instead of thinking that you are immortal, learn the fact that you are mortal, that you are in the state of sin, but that this mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruptible shall

put on incorruptibility—not by thinking, but by doing.

The central law of life is Messianic. The recognition of the Messianic center is the first step to be taken in the fulfilment of the law of life, and in the application of the science of the Decalogue. It is the purpose of Koreshanity to *heal* the body; not merely to restore it to a physiologically healthy state, but to transform it from the mortal to the immortal state. This cannot be done while the mind is unconscious of its mortality. The culmination of the Christian era will consummate in the fruits of immortal life. The devil in the race of humanity is conscious of this fact, and takes the opportunity to utilize it to a false purpose. God never brings a truth into the world which the devil does not counterfeit; and thousands appropriate the counterfeit as the truth. God will not be manifest in the human race until after the great baptism about to be shed upon the world. Elijah the prophet first appears in his personal character, after which the world will be baptized with the great outpouring of the Spirit.

"I AM GOD," as now bandied by the blasphemers, stands for asininity; I AM A GREAT BIG ASS, rendered again into literal English, means, I AM THE DEVIL. "But we heal the sick!" So does the devil heal the sick. He is an expert counterfeiter, and makes a point to attempt a reproduction of whatsoever the Lord accomplishes. When Moses and Aaron stood before the Egyptians, and Aaron held his rod over the waters and they became blood, the Egyptians held out their rods and they turned the waters to blood also. Thus, through the list of all the plagues, the Egyptian magicians were equal to the Almighty except in the instance of the lice, the serpents, and the destruction of the first-born. But after Moses' rod became a serpent and the magicians turned their rods into serpents also, they were neatly swallowed alive by the serpent of Moses.

Let us say a word about this devil; who or what is the devil? This is a common question, and stands by the side of the other important one, who is God? The devil is that all-pervasive spirit of the human race which machinates and projects evil, operative in, through, and by the brain of man, and existing by virtue of the fact that human personality makes it possible for such conditions to obtain. Satan is the power of fallacy through and by corresponding processes. The devil heals the sick, ordinarily, for cash. The Lord did not do this. It does not follow, however, that because a man pretends to heal the sick gratuitously, that he is following in the Lord's footsteps. Dr. Wood started out many years ago to make himself a reputation, and began by advertising to heal the poor free of charge. He made a great success of it; he also made a great reputation and amassed great wealth.

Healing the sick is no part of the manifestation of the Lord in this age. The Lord's coming will consum-

mate in the change of this mortal to immortality. It will not be accomplished by any of the processes aped by the various forms of antichrist, now so extensively in vogue. Koreshanity alone holds the key to the situ-

ation. It is the God-ordained process and power. Koreshanity is Universology. It has come to stay; it has come to inaugurate the Kingdom, and must ultimately prevail throughout the earth.

Conception and Birth of Jesus the Messiah.

An Analysis of the Laws and Principles of Parthenogenesis; the Book of Divine Generation; the Immaculate Conception not a Miracle, but a Natural Consequence.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

JESUS, THE LORD CHRIST—the philosophic Center and Archetype of the divine humanity, the crowning life of the universe—was, according to the inspired records of his apostleship, parthenogenetically conceived. Virginal conception was in fulfilment of the prophetic declaration of Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The Apostle Matthew makes this statement: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

The question arises, from whence came the Holy Ghost? Koreshanity makes the scientific answer: From the spiritual or inner man of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Universology has vindicated the Bible as a scientific book—a book written by men in possession of the mind of the Almighty—the scientific Mind, which knows man and his environing universe, of which he, in the divine perfection, is a self-perpetuating vitellus. The Apostle Matthew, in recording the book of the generation or production of Jesus, ends the line of embodiments which transmitted the Word of God with "Joseph, the husband of Mary." One account gives the line of its transmission from Abraham, who received its celestial degree from Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of the Most High, who, being in the order of Melchizedek, could enter into conjunction with Abraham, who was called "the friend of God," and who represented the natural man prepared by upbuilding in holy—that is, rational or scientific—faith, to receive Melchizedek into his earthly tabernacle; for God tabernacles with men until he builds from their transformed resources his own holy Temple.

The tabernacle and the temple ultimately become one by the uniting power of inherent Deity, who enforces obedience—in the median line of racial progress—to the law of circumcision and the conservation and polarization of its heaped-up energies. These energies are conserved for the reproduction of the divine image and likeness in temple and tabernacle. The Apostle Luke traces the lineage of Joseph, who transmitted the Word which was made flesh, back to Adam, "who was the Son of God." Every Son of God possesses not only the mind of God, but the flesh also, "the image and likeness," the Jehovah, the regenerator of the Holy Ghost. The biune Deity perpetuates His life, which is eternal in the heavens, and timic in earthly manifesta-

tions, by the absorption of energies generated and transmitted from the planting and resurrection of Jehovah, the Seed of Deity.

The man Joseph, though a carpenter, was also a priest in the temple, "because of his knowledge of the law and fame for holiness." The science of the law is the Almighty power of Deity. It was in the order of law that this priest should transmit these impregnative forces of the biune Spirit of Deity illumined with a knowledge of the law, to the mind of Mary at the end of a cycle of development. They came from above, from the highest order of being, the Son of God, and from the highest order of its priesthood—that of Melchizedek, and constituted the overshadowing with the potencies of a living soul, the chaste embodiment of the spirit of earthly motherhood, the prepared matrix of God's animal life. Mary was prepared in the order of law to become the focal point of the holiest aspirations of all the mothers of Israel, for the bringing forth of the Lamb of God in the Lion of the tribe of Judah—the Messianic manifestation which should become the Redeemer of all Israel. The evidence of this preparation may be found in the exhibition of her faith which responded to the message of the angel, in that song of joy called the "Magnificat" (Luke i: 46-55):

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior;
For He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:
For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me
blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to me great things;
And holy is his Name;
And His mercy is unto generations and generations
Of them that fear Him.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts;
He hath put down the princes from their thrones,
And hath exalted them of low degree.
The hungry He hath filled with good things,
And the rich hath he sent empty away.
He hath holpen Israel his servant,
That he might remember mercy
(As he spake unto our fathers)
Toward Abraham and his seed forever.

This is a breathing out of holy inspiration from those progressive entities of ascending Israel, which Mary represented. This is indicated in the exclamation: "And hath exalted them of low degree." This wonderful conjunction of Deity with the mind of Mary, to beget the Lord of the whole earth, and to produce from her womb the firstfruit of universal life, which should reproduce the seminal essence of Deity for life's perpetuity,

could not fail to exalt all the femininity in her into conjunction with the divine soul or Motherhood of Deity.

Records of respected traditions tell us that Anna, the mother of Mary, strong in the passion of maternity, as are all true women, had been denied motherhood for twenty years of married life, and wept sore and prayed much to God. Her maid rebuked her and said it became her not to mourn, in that "the great day of the Lord had come." Therefore, she put away sadness, rose up, exercised her faith, arrayed herself in bridal robes, and entered her garden to pray with hope. There the angel of the Lord communed with her, telling her that a child would be given her. Then Anna said, "As the Lord liveth, be it male or female that I bear, I vow it to the Lord, it shall serve Him all the days of its life." When her child was born, it being a daughter, she called it Mary, as the angel had commanded. At the end of her first year Joachim, her father, made a great feast and called many friends together—scribes, priests, and elders—and he brought the maiden to the priests, who blessed her and said: "God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her a name which shall be known throughout all generations;" and all the people said, "Amen!"

There are people who, when the question of the immaculate conception is brought up for consideration, content themselves with quoting this text: "With God nothing is impossible." The Almighty is a lawgiver; and the "fulness of the Godhead bodily" is attained by obedience to law. All things exist by virtue of the operation of the laws of their being. Facts are the demonstrations of operating laws. The impossible is not possible with God, man, nor the devil. Virginal conception is a well-attested, recorded fact, and was the demonstration of an operative law. Koreshanity declares the demonstration, and gives the law of the fact of the transmutability of matter to spirit and spirit to matter. The fact is observable everywhere, and takes place through the mediumship of correlated energies polarized in matter.

"God is in the generation of the righteous." God is a union of the highest spiritual potencies operating in the brain of man, to perpetuate for himself, the divine unity of love and wisdom, a perfect expression (which implies a Deific science of perfection) or embodiment of its potencies which it can control for its divinest uses. For the service of scientific distinction, God implies the intellectual principle derived from life, as the spirit of the nerve, and Lord, the affectional principle, the spirit of the blood in its divinest use or service. The two constitute the throne and altar of Being, which make man a living soul. In perfect accord or unity, they produce the "fulness of the Godhead bodily," the recurrent manifestation of immortality to mortality. This is accomplished through polarization of divinespiritual potencies in a suitable medium for their precipitation in conjunction with the germ of their reproduction.

Knowing these laws of energy and mediumship, Koreshanity declares Joseph to have been a man in whose interior mind the highest impregnative spiritual

potencies were united, while Mary was a womb-man of most celestial aspirations for the highest, and attracted to their most vital germ—without external carnal contact—the psychic potencies of Deity from Joseph's interior—he being unconscious, in his external mind, of their possession; for the natural mind discerns not the spiritual things of God. Let us here note that it was reserved for John the Baptist, the greatest of Jewish prophets, to transmit to the Lord that degree of pneumatic potencies, the Spirit of Deific Fatherhood, which should make the Son of God—God's living soul, to ultimate in the world's greatest prophet and spiritual quickener to newness of life.

The highest degree of intellectual power is the scientific, the all-knowing, which is indissoluble in celestial unity with the highest degree of the affectional, the all-loving. Therefore, Deity knows and loves the universe to perpetuate it from the only thing which can perpetuate it—his holy Seed. The mind of God in Joseph *knew* the mind of Mary and she, the gestative of earth, conceived and precipitated to the sphere of reconstruction the animal life of Deity, the holy, vital Seed; and the birth resulted in the most holy name of Deity known to mortals—Jehovah, the Lord our Righteousness, in whom was infolded the Bride of God, the highest principle of Israel's Motherhood. This was represented in type by such as Mary, and by Rachel—the Ewe of God. It is the psychic control of love according to the knowledge of God. This power represented the ascending forces of circumcision—the holy aspirations of those who persisted in the performance of the rite, that a king should come from God, representing the union of the highest intellectual and affectional potencies, and embodying in himself the spirits of the just made perfect—the prophets and priests of the people who had exalted the standard of the law in Israel.

There is no space in the spiritual world; it is the thought-world of humanity. Thoughts are entities which, when correspondent in quality (quality corresponds to space in the natural), can unite in divine harmony and precipitate their energies through the mediumship of matter into living forms. God's thoughts are not as man's thoughts, nor his ways as our ways. God works in man to will and to do his own good pleasure, which is to produce from and in him his own image and likeness, which He mentally transmits to his ordained medium of gestation or materialization, to be functionally organized and brought forth.

There will come a time when virginal conception will be possible to an order of holy women who will, after a given cycle of scientifically applied circumcision, represent as embodiments its ascending and polarized forces. There is a time for everything, and everything its time. The time for virginal conceptions is not now; but the exhibition of the law operative is extant, manifest in the animal and vegetable kingdoms. It is an axiom in Koreshanity, that a law operative in one domain has in time a correspondential operation in all domains.

No one can scientifically refute the fact that the

Virgin Mary was overshadowed by the Spirit of God from the mind of the priestly Joseph, through whom the inspired Apostles traced the lineage of the "Word made flesh;" but there is One whose science of the law is so universal that he can produce adequate testimonies of the most scientific character, to prove that a virgin conceived and brought forth a child, who became a man of whom Napoleon, the greatest emperor of the world of carnage, could say:

From first to last Jesus is the same, always the same—majestic and simple, infinitely severe and infinitely gentle. Throughout a life passed in the public eye, he never gave occasion to find fault. The prudence of his conduct compels our admiration by its union of force and gentleness. Alike in speech and action, He is enlightened, consistent, and calm. Sublimity is said to be an attribute of Divinity. What name,

then, shall we give to Him in whose character were united every element of the sublime? I know men, and I tell you Jesus is not a man. Everything in him amazes me. His Spirit outreaches mine, and his will confounds me. Comparison is impossible between Him and any other being in the world. He is truly a being by himself. His ideas and his sentiments; the truth that he announces; his manner of convincing—are all beyond humanity and the [common] natural order of things. His birth and the story of his life; the profoundness of his doctrine, which overturns all difficulties, and is their most complete solution; the singularity of his mysterious being—his appearance; his empire; his progress through all centuries and kingdoms; all this is to me a prodigy, an unfathomable mystery. I see nothing here of man. Near as I may approach, closely as I may examine, all remains above my comprehension—great with the greatness that crushes me. It is in vain that I reflect—all remains unaccountable! I defy you to cite another life like that of Christ.

Existence of Jesus as a Personality.

Arguments that Jesus is a Myth Examined; Mistakes of Spiritualists; Why Spirits Fail to Recognize the Messiah; Testimony of History.

PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

Why not explain to the people and to our children that Christmas is a survival, an adoption, of the centuries' old pagan festival of the winter solstice, celebrated during the week preceding December 25? That it was a season of present giving and good cheer, and that good will to man was made practical;—for quarrels were discontinued, debts remitted, prisoners liberated, and absolute equality prevailed among the people? Why not admit frankly that this festival was adopted by Christendom, and modes of celebrating the day varied as it spread into other climes and as the tastes of the different people dictated? If Christians wish to attach a sacred significance to the day, it is their privilege to do so, but they should, in justice to themselves and to their pagan ancestors, explain that in making the circuit of the seasons the sun reaches his lowest point on December 21, and for three days is apparently stationary; on the 25th he begins to rise—is born again—and from this fact originates the birth of Jesus, who is simply a personification of the sun, who brings new light and life and hope to the world.—HARRIET M. GAZE, in Chicago Record.

AMONG THE EARLY CHRISTIANS, before the apostasy of which Paul speaks as rising even in his time, and which still continues in its advanced stages, there was no mass, much less a Christ's mass—Christmas. The convincing proof of this is that there is no corresponding word in the Greek language, the language of the New Testament and of the early Christians. The early Christians rejected the Jewish festival and sacred days, except so far as they yielded a qualified assent to the Sabbath day, the violation of which was one of the principal accusations of the Jews against Jesus. Paul says, "Let no man, therefore, judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days." By a similar revulsion from the errors and traditions of the papacy, the Puritan fathers rejected the multiplied sacred days of Catholicism, and with them, Christmas. The Latin derivation of the word mass, clearly shows that its origin must have been after the establishment of the order of the clergy, which authentic history informs us was in the beginning of the third century, A. D. The Latin was the language of the clergy.

The historian, Coleman, gives the date A. D. 210 as that of the "Introduction of the Old Testament ideas

of a particular priesthood into the Christian church," and says of the effect of this baleful change from the equal brotherhood of the early churches: "No change, perhaps, in the whole history of the changing forms of church government, can be specified more destructive to the primitive constitution of the church, or more disastrous to its spiritual interests. 'The entire perversion of the original view of the Christian church,' says Neander, 'was itself the origin of the whole system of Roman Catholic religion—the germ from whence sprang the popery of the dark ages.'" As mass is an essential part of Catholicism, Christ's mass or Christmas must have originated in that institution which was the result of apostasy from the early and only true Christianity. Coleman says that Christmas originated in the Roman church in the fourth century.

When this apostate Christianity—having lost the gentle, loving spirit of the Christ and received in its place an unholy ambition for temporal and spiritual sovereignty—mounted the throne of the Cæsars, it naturally followed the traditional policy of that all-conquering power, which was to allow conquered peoples to keep their former religion and customs so far as was consistent with Roman sovereignty. It would be easier to baptize and give a new Christian name to a pagan festival like that of the winter solstice, than to induce a conquered people to abandon it; and that may be the origin of Christmas. Whatever may be its origin, it is certain that Christmas was not in its beginning and is not now, a true Christian institution.

While, then, we do not see good cause for denying the statement of the above writer concerning Christmas, we emphatically deny the accuracy of that about the birth of the Christ. It is characteristic of some men to refuse to believe in the existence of men in their own or any time, who possess powers or capabilities much beyond their own. In their own self-esteem, they are about as good, or great, or powerful as anybody.

Where a very remarkable personality lives, the great mass of people are too ignorant or prejudiced, and, under the pressure of this terrible competitive system, too busy trying to live or to amass money, to pay attention to his merits or claims. If he lived in some remote period, they count him a myth and not a real personage. If any claims to divine power are made for him, they—not recognizing any such power in themselves—are confirmed in their view of his unreal character. The people of whom Cicero speaks, who revolt at the idea of a superior Being having the power to look into their affairs, are always numerous.

Naturally, the idea of God entertained by the infidel world is that distorted one taught by modern orthodoxy. It is not wonderful that thinking men refuse to believe it. It makes God a monster, damning men eternally for what they could not possibly avoid. They have no idea of the Bible teaching that the perfect man is the perfect God—the God-man, as Jesus was; that he was the divine Seed which, when sown in humanity—as Jesus was—would, in the time of the harvest or end of the Christian dispensation, produce a crop just like the seed sown—the kingdom of God in earth. There are several classes of these people who are anxious to have us believe that no such person as Jesus lived in the earth; and some of them are spiritualists. Some years ago a friend, who was of this class, exultingly put into our hands a thick volume which claimed to contain the revelation of the spirit of a noted man, of whom it gave the name, who had lived in Judea in the time claimed to be that of the Christ. Since the time of Christ, that spirit claimed to have been in the spirit world, and to have long sought a medium through whom it could reveal the facts in the case. It had at last found one, and hence the revelation. This spirit affirmed that no such being as Christ lived there then, nor were there any such beings as the early Christians; but that all light that then came to the world came through him—the spirit.

We said to our friend, that, taking the spiritualists on their own ground, we—with many other witnesses—had sat at the feet of the great Teacher—now present in the world—with two persons who, judging by what they do now, if they should die and their spirits go into the spiritual world, and in after ages should find a medium through whom to make revelations to those in earth, would swear by everything sacred, that all the light that came to the world at this date, came through them! With spirits in the flesh, at present, the experiences of men would not differ much from those of the wise man, except that what he said in haste, they would say deliberately; namely, that “All men are liars.” If such is the difficulty of getting the truth out of spirits when they are in the flesh and may be approached and cross-questioned, what ought we to expect when they are more inaccessible, speaking to us, as it were, out of the vasty deep—the spirits that “peep and mutter”?

The man whose memory reaches back over two score years, takes in the rise of modern spiritualism, and recalls the proud boasts which were then made in its

behalf. It was claimed that the gates were at last ajar, and that the spiritual world would not long contain any secret kept back from mortals. The science of today is not richer by one important thought derived from that source. No marvel, then, that spiritualists know nothing of the real Christ! “What think ye of Christ? whose Son is he?” is the touchstone by which to test spirits now, as in the beginning of the age. If “David in spirit called him Lord,” it is not strange if the great body of materialists who are so “of the earth, earthy” that they do not believe at all in spirit, should not see Him, neither know him.

Add to these two great classes—who are by their very surroundings, if not by nature, incapacitated to see the Christ, both when he came before and when he comes again according to his promise—other great bodies of men who, in the struggle for life or for money-getting, have no time to see or think, but who, because they have hired others to do their seeing and thinking, are not themselves able to see or recognize the Christ. What wonder, then, that the world is full of people who have not seen the Messiah, and will not when he comes again, as the Jews did not see him, although they had been eagerly looking for him for an age! Whoever does not see him as he claimed to be—the Life and Light of this world, its Savior from the lost condition—not in some future imaginary spiritual world, but in this present natural world, does not see him at all.

Nineteen hundred years ago the salvation which the Christ wrought was that of the spirit; but that was simply the sowing of the seed which, when matured in the time of the harvest, should result in the salvation from death, of the natural body, when “this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” This is that of which He spake before his departure from among men: “And if I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also.” To receive them unto Himself is to receive them into his own undying condition and quality of life, not in some imaginary world, but in the natural world in which he then was.

To the unbiased intelligent mind, there is more proof that the Man Jesus lived in the earth in the beginning of the Christian age, than there is of any other man who lived nineteen hundred years ago. No great movement ever existed among men which did not have its origin in a man for whom it was generally named. Can any rational mind think that the whole civilized world would determine its dates by the birth of a man who never had any birth? Of the positive historical evidence, we will give but a single one of many, which ought to suffice. The great Roman historian, Tacitus, says: “The founder of the sect, Christ, was executed in the reign of Tiberius, by the procurator Pontius Pilate.” Tacitus was born about A. D. 53, and lived almost in the very time of the transaction he referred to. Shall we believe him, or the objectors who seldom attempt to offer any reason for their statements?

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE CHICAGO UNIVERSITY is laboring under the unavoidable and inevitable difficulty of endeavoring to teach from the text-books of the modern scientists and the text-books of the prophets. It has a divinity school, where students are educated in "liberal theology;" and it has its chairs of astronomy, physics, geology, and kindred branches of so called science. The divinity branch is in conflict with the other departments; or rather the spirit of "higher criticism" is playing havoc with the school of theology; and it is reported that, "Actuated by skeptical promptings, these students have raised questions as to whether the Bible is an indisputable moral guide," in view of the fact that it is in conflict with the accepted scientific theories of creation. A threatened revolt of the students against the teachings of the doctors and professors of theology, necessitated a general conference of the faculty and students for the purpose of ascertaining what kind of theology the students desire! When put to the test, the faculty manifest the very palpable *weakness* of modern science. The faculty did not take a bold stand; they sought to compromise the situation, first, by admitting that science has not attained to that degree of *certainty* which would render their decisions absolute; and second, by claiming that the Bible is a text book of morals, and not of science. But the assertion was made in the speeches of the august members of the faculty of the greatest University in the world, that the Bible is absolutely unreliable on the subjects of astronomy, ethnology, geology, and history, and that reconciliation of modern science and the Bible can be made only on the basis of the conclusion that the writers of the Bible knew absolutely nothing about the science of cosmogony. This, it is supposed, leaves only a slender moral thread running through a mass of ignorant references to the symbols of Nature—symbols which the writers of the Bible did not understand! Remove from the Bible its account of creation; its testimony concerning the nature and character of Deity; its natural symbols; its records of numerous miracles; its prophecies of the future; its claim concerning the Divinity of Jesus the Messiah; the teachings of Jesus and his Apostles concerning the ultimate redemption of the world,—and there is nothing even of moral integrity left in the Scriptures. On the other hand, let modern science retain its fallacious conclusions of world-formation; its absurd astronomical hypotheses; its preposterous theories of geology; its vagaries concerning chemistry; its false ethnology; its perverted interpretation of history, and its ignorance of God Almighty—and there is no room in it for moral integrity nor intellectual illumination! Koreshanity maintains the harmony of the language of the Bible and the language of Nature. The Bible and Nature are two great expressions of the divine mind, and both must be scientifically interpreted—by the Mind that expressed itself in Nature, by the mind that inspired the Bible. This excludes the modern scientist, and relegates him to the position which he admits he occupies—that of the agnostic!

Prof. Herron's idea of the mission of Jesus is summed up in the following quotation from his lecture on the "Kingdom of God:" "The religion of Jesus was an effort to initiate a free and masterful life of love as the common order of the world—an effort to translate what is highest in consciousness into the detailed facts of life and labor. It was the religion of the kingdom of heaven; the central idea of all that Jesus said or did. It was a bold and simple faith with a bold and unapologetic program for turning earth into heaven. It proposed to make heaven out of the common man and facts of life, or rather to uncover heaven within them. It sought to liberate the divine

energy of man for building his heavenly home with the tools in his hands, out of the stones and materials at his feet." If this was the central purpose of Jesus, in view of the fact that the socialistic features of his work disappeared from the church during the second century, we should say that his mission was a failure. Did Jesus expect that the order he established would continue in form throughout the age? He did not. He did not come to liberate divine energy in the men who were mortal, and who were of their father the devil; he came to *put divine energy into them*, as the divine Seed sown—the Seed of divine perpetuity, the Seed of regeneration, the Seed of communism. That Seed died in the soil into which it went, in order that the harvest of that sowing might come; that that which was in primates in the divine philosophy might become the ultimates in science, involving the minutest details of life and human activity and relations. Jesus sowed himself, and will reap the 144,000; he sowed the seeds of communism, and will reap the divine order of society; he sowed the germs of the kingdom of heaven, and will reap the fruits of Universal Empire. The present socialistic movements are but reflexed indications of the Order which is in process of establishment through the application of the science of construction. Jesus was a leader; he embodied the principles and powers of a kingdom; he was an imperialist, not a democrat; and the form of the New Order which ultimates from the planting of the Seed of Empire, will mature under the leadership of a mind capable of applying in every domain and relation of human life, the known laws of cosmic form and function.

The great shadow that hangs like a pall over England is the unjust South African war; it is a cloud that remains and threatens a terrific storm; and much depends upon the attitude and action of the new British sovereign. If King Edward VII does not use his influence to end the war, he will lose a golden opportunity to become popular with the majority of the English subjects who oppose the present war party in power. It is felt in England, as it is apparent to the world at large, that the South African situation is today as critical as it was one year ago—if reports are to be believed. There has been no practical progress made by the British, it is said, since Buller relieved Ladysmith, since Lord Roberts captured Cronje. It is asserted by prominent Englishmen, that the British soldiery is being employed and subjected to the deadly aim of the Boers and to the terrible ravages of disease, "merely to add to the wealth of that class which, in the largest measure, escape both the taxation and the sacrifice of life imposed by the war." England is being humiliated in the eyes of the nations; the British casualties have been nearly 100,000—over five times that of the Boers; and today 250,000 British soldiers are unequal to the task of conquering the Boers, who number, in the field, less than one tenth the numerical strength of the British. The liberal press is crying out against the Salisbury administration, and asserts that "this is the pass to which the most incompetent government of modern times has brought the country." If King Edward VII makes the demand that the war must end, in accordance with the desire of the majority of his people, and the hope of nations, he may redeem himself from the charge of weakness of character and surprise the world with a display of manly courage.

The *Literary Digest* (Funk & Wagnalls Co., 37 Lafayette Place, New York City), the standard American literary, scientific, and religious review, with a weekly circulation of nearly 500,000 copies, and over 1,000,000 readers, under date of Jan-

uary 26, 1901, and under the heading of "Koreshanity, or the Universe as a Hollow Globe," published a summary of the Koreshan System—a portion of that which appears on page 2 of *THE FLAMING SWORD*—and editorially remarks: "One of the most remarkable religious products of the fecund West is the system which has attracted attention for several years under the name of Koreshanity, founded by KORESH, or in temporal nomenclature, DR. CYRUS R. TEED. 'Koreshan Universology' is, in the words of its Founder, 'a complete system of Science of the great universe of life,' and the new religion 'must supplant Christianity as Christianity supplanted Judaism.' Koreshanity, he explains, 'has come to fulfil the hope of the world in the liberation of humanity from the curse, in the establishment of the kingdom of God in earth, the introduction of the New Era of Light and Life, of universal harmony and happiness.' The following summary is taken from *THE FLAMING SWORD* (Chicago, December 28, 1900,), the official organ of Society, and published under the auspices of KORESH and VICTORIA GRATIA, the latter called the 'Pre-Eminent of the Koreshan Unity.'" This is a respectful and creditable notice of the great Koreshan System; and we extend to the *Literary Digest* our thanks and best wishes.

An army of 100,000 men with arms, marches continually over the American soil; the army is composed of tramps, and the arms they carry belong to the human anatomy. They beg and steal and destroy property; and the total annual expense of maintaining 100,000 tramps has been estimated to be at least \$25,000,000. Tramps are examples of the effect of the great moral influence of the competitive system and the present order of society. The millionaire is the money-maker and the tramp-maker; the number of tramps increases in proportion to the rate of accumulation of wealth by misappropriation. The tramp and the millionaire are extremes; neither class produces anything substantial. The tramp bill of expense is annually very large; for that reason municipal authorities endeavor to devise means for abolishing the tramp. The millionaires constitute a vastly greater burden on the people—a burden with a crushing power; and we advocate the abolition of the millionaire, for when the John Millions are no more, the Weary Williams will have an opportunity to rest and become industrious.

A few scientists are considering the feasibility of adopting the Chinese written language for intercommunication in the world of commerce. They have discovered the fact that the Chinese language, though thousand of years old, is exceedingly simple, exact, and unvariable; the written language is the same now as it was over thirty centuries ago. Notwithstanding the boast of the modern world, men go back to the ancients for ideas. Our life, as well as language, came from the ancients; and today, in naming new inventions and in coining new words with which to express new conceptions, roots of ancient languages must be used. This is not in keeping with the usual conception that the peoples of the past were extremely ignorant; the ease with which ancient languages fit the things of modern progress evinces the great fact that extraordinary intellectual power is manifest in that which the modern world borrows from the peoples of past ages! This cannot be said of the nineteenth century attempts of philologists and linguists to formulate universal artificial languages.

Over-zealous scientists are now appealing to the visions of Swedenborg to prove that the planets are inhabited. The field of Swedenborg's research, when exercising his visionary faculties, was not outside of the human race; he saw what was in the spiritual world of man. He saw the spirits of Mars people, the spirits of Jupiterians, the Saturnians, etc., who dwell in the

earth; he saw the spirits which inhabited or lived in the different planetary divisions of humanity. If the modern scientists wish to take Swedenborg at his best, let them consider what he saw in states of illumination—when he viewed the Cellular Cosmogony: the sun with its surrounding three atmospheres; below and environing which is the earth, the physical body of the universe. The scientists have yet to learn that the earth is INhabited!

It has been said that man is a mere machine; and there are some evidences which go a long way in corroborating the conclusion. The machines are divided into classes: The clergymen, who are mere mouthpieces of barrels of sermons; the scientists, whose conclusions are guesses; the popular phonographs, who repeat what is recorded on their cylinders from the pulpit and observatory; editors who are subsidized by the money power; and the large following of the faddists, who learn special vocabularies from Oriental lore. An Englishman has invented a machine, the "monsterphone," capable of preaching sermons to audiences of tens of thousands. Perhaps it is better than the sentimental machine; at any rate, let the monsterphone have a fair trial in the pulpit!

The usual conception of redemption is that it is an improvised scheme to repair the damage done to the world by the devil. Koreshanity reveals the fact that the fall and redemption of man are co ordinate factors of world-perpetuity. The Koreshan idea of the atonement is rational; it involves the law of the resurrection of the Seed from the soil into which it has fallen—the at-one-ment, conjunction, or union of the substances of the soil and Seed, the mortal man and the divine mind in manifestation. The work of redemption is the work of restoration of the fifth natural kingdom, the resurrection of life from the hells, the reincarnation of the life of Deity in his own humanity. This alone is the true religion: the tying back of man to God.

Anatomists are busy constructing the forms of extinct species or races of animals; through application of the principles of comparative anatomy, gigantic animals of ages ago are made to live again in natural history, as it were. This is but a reflex of the great work of restoring the extinct kingdom of man, the higher race which constitutes the fifth natural kingdom; it is the work of resurrection. The field of Koreshan comparative anatomy and correspondential analogy extends beyond that of the modern scientific world, and embraces the mineral kingdom, the physical cosmos, as well as the anthropotic world, with its coming society of order, its universal empire, and the immortal structure of the perfect man.

A great wave of delusive mental science, hypnotism, and "healing" is sweeping the American continent; the making of money is back of modern miracle working, and scores of little journals are published for the purpose of booming the "healing" business. The United States postal authorities are after a considerable number of sheets which take advantage of the second class mail to increase the number of victims to "absent treatments." There is as much quackery today in mental science so called, as there is in the medical profession; the lottery of therapies has become as great a nuisance, as palpable a fraud, as the noted New Orleans lottery which flourished some years ago.

Baron Wilhelm Rothschild, the head of the great banking firm which has for a century and a half wielded the greatest power of Europe, is dead. The wealth of the Rothschild family is estimated to be nearly \$3,000,000,000; and the firm has negotiated loans for Great Britain aggregating \$1,000,000,000; for France, \$400,000,000; and for other European nations, nearly

\$800,000,000. The house of the Rothschilds constitutes the greatest money trust of the East; and the power of its money kings is greater than the power of European sovereigns who bow to the supreme financial dictators, in both war and peace!

Neither the faculty of the great Chicago University nor the press reporters knew that two of the most puzzling questions which were submitted for answer at the University conference at Cobb hall, and which caused considerable discussion and newspaper comment, were asked by a Koreshan; nor that much of the agitation among the University students which finally caused the faculty to call a conference, was induced by the Koreshan street propaganda during the past two years.

THE FLAMING SWORD has maintained that the political primaries generally begin with the saloon element, and that local politics is flavored with whiskey. A striking proof of this appeared in an edition of the Chicago *Record* this week, which heads a radical expose, as follows: "Organized in a saloon; New Harrison Club is Born; Mayor's supporters in the 14th Ward meet in a Gambling Resort and pledge their Faith." The graduates of the gambling schools are boodlers!

The students of the great Chicago University have begun the work of *hazing the professors*; the instruments of torture are the puzzling, harassing questions concerning modern science and the Bible, which the members of the faculty are wholly unable to answer. They are now feeling the effect of the students' higher criticism!

The numerous conflicting opinions extant in the world evince the fact that reason is one of the lost arts. Koreshanity is the restoration of rational thinking; the structured System is the logical building of the substances of all truth, in the discrete degree of divine architecture.

Prof. Harper asserts that he would not advise teaching higher criticism to children, because confusion might result;

and adds that "there is danger in accepting some truths too quickly." We think, however, that the danger lies in not accepting truth at all!

If the world were not hollow we could not live in it; the earth is *inhabitable* because it is a cell. No sane mind for a moment believes that humanity exists outside of the universe; we are within the spheres which produce the rhythmic harmony of Nature.

Koreshanity is as much opposed to modern interpretations of the Bible by the clergymen, as it is opposed to the interpretations of Nature by the scientists.

The will is the altar of love; its mental expression is philosophy. The intellect is the throne of wisdom, which ultimates in the truths of science.

Mental laziness dwarfs the intellect; but nothing is gained by being intellectually active in following modern mental will-o'-the-wisps.

The figure which the modern man desires to cut in the world is the figure that stands next to the dollar mark.

The common desire of the modern mind to be original, has produced a multitude of original absurdities!

Twelve jurors and one judge constitute the unlucky thirteen which often grind the grist of injustice.

Evil and the devil are always in conjunction; no good ever exists without God.

The structure of the mortal man is haunted by all kinds of spirits and ghosts.

The world is lost until the time of the discovery of the goal of destiny.

Truth is of no use to the man who will not obey it.

Editorial Discussions and Miscellany.

THE EDITOR.

The Sower and the Seed.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—(1) One great difficulty I have in harmonizing Koreshanity with the Bible, is in the fact that the Scriptures (Matt. xiii: 37, 38) say that the Son of man is the sower; also that "the good seed are the children of the kingdom." You make the Son of man the seed. Kindly explain. (2) The Apostle Paul says that "our vile bodies" are to be changed "like unto His glorious body." What is His glorious body like?—A READER.

(1) There should not be the slightest difficulty in perceiving that the Koreshan Science of the character and purpose of the manifestation of Jesus the Messiah is not only absolutely true, but also in strictest harmony with the testimony of the Bible concerning him and his mission. But for the current fallacious theology of modern Christendom, the mind should reach correct conclusions naturally without argument or difficulty. One of the first things that the mind should comprehend concerning the divine manifestation of nineteen hundred years ago,

is that he was the *Seed-man*. The Scriptures are emphatic in the declaration that He was the "promised seed." As Creator, He could be naught else than the involution of the world of man, the pole of its impression, the Seed of its perpetuity.

In view of the fact that He was the Seed, he said of himself: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Jesus came to be planted in humanity, that the harvest might come with its manifestation of 144,000 personalities just like himself—the Saviors who will stand on Mount Zion and sing the song of the redeemed. Did Jesus plant himself in the early church, or did he not? He demonstrated to his disciples where he was going; they ate the bread and drank the wine which symbolized his body and blood—indicative of the fact that they should appropriate him; and indeed, he promised that

if he went away he would come into them and abide with them until the consummation of the age. Did He go into his disciples, or did he not? He declared himself to be *the Truth*; he was truth in concrete form; he was their life. Did they receive the truth—did they receive Him? Were they imbued with His power? Were they impelled by His energies? Were they vitalized by the germs of His life? If so, then Jesus went *into them*, as spirit into matter, as seed into the soil. If He did not, then he did not perform the work nor exercise the functions foretold by the prophets and declared by himself.

It is emphatically declared that Jesus was the Word of God; and that Word was God; that Word was the Seed, and that Seed was sown by himself, because the "Sower sows the Word" (Mark iv: 14, 15); and the Word was sown in different kinds of soil—in poor, thorny, and stony, as well as in good ground. The ground was the

wills of the people; His own true followers constituted the "good ground." The seed was sown in His disciples; he did not sow the disciples, but he sowed himself in his disciples.

Then who were the "children of the kingdom"? They were the entities which the Lord involved; he was the door through which they passed from the Jewish to the Christian church, from the old age to the new. He contained the spirits of all who had died during the Jewish age looking for the coming of the Messiah; he sowed the "spirits of just men made perfect" through their attainment to immortality in himself—he was their resurrection; he sowed the "innumerable company of angels" which were involved in him; he sowed the entities of the church of the first-born which he Shepherded from the spiritual world—he sowed himself and all he contained and involved. He was the Shepherd who "gathered the lambs with his arm and carried them in his bosom"—not symbolically, but actually. Jesus sowed his own life; he sowed himself. He was the seminal essence of Deity; he was the Father's Seed, not the seed of the woman; for Jesus was the Serpent, upon whose head the heel of the woman was lifted in the betrayal of Jesus by Judas.

Jesus was the great Word, composed of many words or entities which make up the divine language. These words, the children of the kingdom which had progressed through the Jewish dispensation, were contained in the book of His generation, and were involved in him. When Jesus sowed himself, he sowed the entities which he involved; and "the children of the kingdom were cast out into outer darkness" (Matt. viii: 12) as the cells of the seed are cast into the darkness and corruption of the soil. The way in which Jesus sowed himself was through the burning of his body and the dissemination of the energies resulting therefrom—the energies of his glorious body which impelled the church; these energies constituted the Holy Spirit, which went into the matrix of regeneration, the church. The sowing was at the beginning of the age; the development has been during the age; and the harvest is at the end of the age, which is at hand.

(2) The glorious body was the body which Jesus possessed nineteen hundred years ago; it was the immortal flesh of Deity; he was "God manifest in the flesh;" he was "the fulness of the Godhead bodily." That body was broken up as the Bread of Life, and disseminated to his following; and then his body became the church which received him. The product of His sowing will be the 144,000 personalities who, through processes of translation, will have their mortal, corrupt, and vile bodies changed "like unto his glorious body" of the original Seed, on exactly the same principle that the seed which enters the soil and there dies, multiplies itself in the harvest, and produces other seeds just like itself.

Modern Astronomy Refuted.

Synopsis of Rev. E. M. Castle's Second Lecture on Koreshanity at Springfield, Mass.

The primary assumption of the Copernican system of astronomy as of the Ptolemaic and the Tychonic, is that the earth's surface is convex, because it appears so. We maintain that an assumption predicated upon an optical illusion is not sufficient for the establishment of a rational conviction. The secondary assumption of the Copernican system is that the earth rotates upon its axis and revolves about the sun. There is no direct evidence whatever, either from appearance or otherwise, to support this second assumption. Upon these two assumptions rests the entire theory. The distance and size of the sun are estimated from these assumptions; the distances and magnitudes of the planets, and of the stars also. It is well known to those familiar with the history of the subject, that the present popular theory was not developed from demonstrated premises.

These assumptions have determined the course of scientific investigation, but have not themselves been supported by any specific demonstration. From them have originated fallacious theories of light and heat, and false conceptions of physical laws; and they have provided a false foundation for modern geodetic operations. Scientific apparatus are constructed and used in conformity to the earth's assumed convexity, and to the added assumption that a ray of light is rectilinear and vision virtually illimitable; and then these instruments are used in a vain effort to support the premises which determined their very construction and method of employment.

The premises of the Koreshan System of Cosmogony cannot be judged from any conceptions founded upon the unproven premises of modern astronomy. The conclusions of the Koreshan System regarding the sizes and distances and motions of the sun, moon, planets and stars, cannot be judged from either premise or conclusions of modern science. The logical soundness of a conclusion is tested by reference to its own premise. The certainty of a conclusion, however, must be determined by test of the premise itself—upon which the conclusion finally rests. If the premise be an assumption, the probability of the conclusion is merely the probability of the original assumption. If the premise be certain, the conclusion, if logical, is equally certain. If our premise, that the earth's surface is concave, is true, every logical mind must admit that the distances and magnitudes and motions of sun, moon, and stars must be calculated from the basis of concavity.

The major premise of the Koreshan System of Cosmogony is that the earth's surface is concave, determined by the relation of chord, radius, and arc, not in theo-

retical geometry, but in actual application to earth measurement. Its corollary is: A straight line extended at right angles from a perpendicular post will meet the surface of the earth at a distance proportionate to the height of the perpendicular. In determining the distances, magnitudes, and motions of sun, moon, and stars, the minor premise is from a knowledge of the operation of the true law of optics, not assumed from illusion, but established by proper demonstration. In determining function, the secondary premise is that the substances of matter and spirit are persistently interchangeable. This is established not from such a partial consideration of fact as led to the acceptance of the modern theory of the indestructible atom, but by a full consideration of all facts involved in the so called chemical change, which Koreshan Science claims to be not chemical, but alchemical. From the demonstration of both the major premise and the minor premises, the System proceeds to its logical conclusions, and maintains its proposition that the universe we inhabit is persistent in perpetuity as to form and function, and that both are determined by the ripe human intellect.

A knowledge of the form and function of the physical cosmos, is the key to our knowledge of the laws of universal form and relative function; therefore, to our knowledge of the principles which must govern the organization of society into a righteous order.

The lecturer dealt in detail with the experiment of extending a straight line at right angles to a perpendicular, to determine the contour of the earth's surface, illustrating with charts and apparatus. The subject for the next lecture is "The Scientific Religion of Koreshanity." —Springfield Daily Union, Jan. 21, 1901.

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The Shape of the Earth.

Editor of Baltimore Daily American Dreams Over a Soup Plate and Ridicules Koreshanity.

It has been many a day since Baltimore's amateur and professional astronomers have been so stirred up as they were by the publication in *The American* of a letter from a Chicago physician, who argues that this earth on which we live is not shaped like an orange, an apple, or a pumpkin, but like a saucer, a soup plate, or a chafing dish without the lid. [The earth is a hollow globe, 8,000 miles in diameter. The conclusion that Koreshanity teaches a soup-plate earth is perhaps as near the truth as the average editor of the daily press ever comes! [EDITOR FLAMING SWORD.] Right or wrong in his conclusion, the Western doctor declares that he can prove all he claims, and that his opinions are not the result of any guesswork, but established by a survey made three or four years ago on the West coast of Florida.

Now that coast of Florida is a very pleasant place to visit at some seasons of the year, but it is not easy to see how observations taken down there, even with the rectilineator, which the doctor declares was used, should have results just the opposite of observations taken in other parts of the world. But observers very often differ in their conclusions, and if the doctor and

his followers choose to believe that the earth is the whole universe, and that the sun, moon, and stars are like pieces of ox-tail in the soup, he cannot be arrested for it nor tried before the court on the charge of attempting to overthrow the government. He will never be thrown into prison, as was Galileo, for intimating that the earth moved, nor will the thumbscrew be tried upon him to compel him to retract his novel doctrine.

Nevertheless, the Western promoter of a concave earth must not expect to be allowed to rest in peace or to have his theory remain unanswered. Already the astronomers are after him with very sharp sticks and very heavy clubs, and some of them have, through *The American's* Forum column, told the doctor exactly what they think of him. They pull all sorts of arguments upon him to show that he has guessed wrong, and that it is now high time for him to guess again. Though the majority of civilized people in this world have now reached the conclusion that this earth is pretty nearly round, and that it chases around the sun and forms but a mighty small part of this vast universe, yet the question is always open for discussion, and if the man in Chicago can prove to the world that it is wrong and he is right, the earth will have to be the whole universe, shaped like a soup plate and with the sun, moon, and planets all in the soup.

Respectful Reply to the Editorial by a Reformer and Reader of the Flaming Sword.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *American*:—In your issue of January 21, you call attention to the Chicago physician—Dr. O. J. Ruth, a disciple of DR. TEED, who maintains that we are living on the inside of a hollow globe, (not a soup plate,) rather than the outside of the earth. You also state that a large number of amateur and professional astronomers of this vicinity are disposed to dispose of the physician's theories in very short order. It would certainly form a great attraction if they were allowed to attempt to do so through the columns of *The American*; but, as this is perhaps impossible, can *The American* not kindly introduce them to the doctor and his paper?

The name of the Founder of Koreshanity is DR. CYRUS R. TEED. He calls himself the founder of the Koreshan System of Astronomy, as distinguished from the Copernican; and he is generally known among his followers as KORESH. In Chicago there is published every Friday a first-class paper called THE FLAMING SWORD, devoted to an exposition and defense of the Koreshan theories. It is ably edited by Prof. U. G. Morrow, assisted by a number of able contributors. I have been a reader of this paper for many years, and have seen both amateurs and professionals politely and scientifically replied to by the score.

DR. TEED commands the thoughtful and respectful attention of all who approach him. If he were more of an amusing crank, whole columns of leading papers would be devoted to him, as they are to Rev. John Alexander Dowie and others. DR. TEED aspires to be the greatest all-round reformer in the world, for, in addition to his astronomical controversies, he deems the

political, the religious, and the educational status of the civilized nations utterly wrong, and his paper fearlessly points out the many indications of revolution that are looming up as a result. Truly, such men as he should be heard by the press, until they are either shamed into silence or advanced to a recognition of their merits.—FRANCIS B. LIVESEY, Sykesville, Md.

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Financial Intoxication.

Re-election of McKinley Causes Unprecedented Boom in Wall Street.

Since election day we have had a rich man's market in Wall street. There is no fiction about the statement that two or three great financial leaders, backed by a couple of great financial institutions, have had things pretty much their own way. It has been in their power to raise prices because they have been able to make far-reaching combinations among trans-continental and coal roads. I hear that they propose to continue this work in another direction by the practical combination of all the traction, electric, and gas companies in New York and vicinity. These great operators are not utterly unselfish; they labor because there is money in it, and, realizing that secrecy is essential to success, they give no hint to the public of what they intend to do until the work has been accomplished, and meanwhile they have taken every advantage that their special knowledge affords in operating in Wall street.

This week we have seen, under the stimulus of these gigantic operations, an unparalleled record on the stock exchange; 2,000,000 shares of stocks were sold in a single day, 650,000 shares in an hour, or at the rate of over 10,000 shares a minute. This one day's transactions would more than absorb all the January disbursements, aggregating over \$150,000,000, regarding which so much was said at the close of last year, and upon the investment of which in Wall street so many hopes were hung.

There must be an end to all things, and when the great financial interests have worked the market in one direction they will be equally powerful if they choose to work it in the other. They can turn around at any day when they have closed out their lines of stocks, and, by calling in loans and raising the rates of interest, bring prices again to a level where there will be money in them for manipulators. We have had other eras of exploitation. This is not the first time that Reading has been advanced on the expectation of a combination. All remember the disastrous McLeod experiment of a few years ago. Nor is it the first time that Jersey Central and that shuttlecock of Wall street in the days of Jim Fisk, Erie, have been manipulated for an advance.

While such powerful manipulators are in control of the market, I do not advise the selling of stock short, and I certainly do not, at the present range of prices, advise

purchases for investment. It may be a good market for a quick turn, but it is a dangerous market nevertheless. Many experienced investors are absolutely out of Wall street, and more than one has disposed of all his holdings of stocks and bonds, has put his cash in a bank or trust company, and is patiently waiting to make a profit of from ten to twenty five per cent, by buying on the decline, which must inevitably come before the close of the current year. Mr. Morosini, a Wall street veteran, says, "We are having a financial drunk."—JASPER, in *Leslie's Weekly*.

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Demand for a Leader.

A Denver Editor Points to Prophecy and Concludes that a Messenger Must Reveal all Truth.

A lady of our acquaintance said some time ago: "We need a leader." Thinking that matter over, we find it in our way to agree with her. It is certain that the time is ripe for a general Messenger of truth to appear among men.

Another thing is certain, that has been commonly overlooked. It is the fact that each person follows some standard of thought, either conceived by and to suit the state of the person, or some proposition somebody else has made. Hence the people now in the flesh are each, separately, following some one else, or are under the influence of notions that have prevailed before. The human does not live that has an idea that did not exist in human minds ages ago.

All of the great discoveries so called, are concerning things that were known in past ages. Wireless telegraphy, alchemy, re-embodiment or transmigration, the unitive system (as opposed to the competitive), reincarnation, immortality in the flesh, celibacy, psychology, and so on, are things now just recurring to the minds of the moderns. These things have been forgotten by the mass of men.

Personally, we claim that the Bible is true—that it only needs scientific interpretation. It is a sealed book to the great mass, and is almost universally misjudged. We know the time is ripe for another Messenger of truth—one who knows the whole meaning of the Scriptures—a later one than Swedenborg, who we claim was a quasi Messiah—a Messiah in nearly perfect measure to the spiritual world (the spiritual world being in the human brain). The great Seer named gave the Scriptures interpretation in the spiritual sense, and suggested the celestial sense. But he did not compass the matter in the literal sense. That was left for one who should appear about 150 years later. To bring down the Bible in the literal sense, is to make it known and applicable in the third degree, which of course is the scientific degree.

According to Scriptures, there is to come a Messenger (Malachi 3:1-3). This Messenger is Elijah the prophet (Malachi 4:5). We claim that this prophet and the next (seventh) Messiah are identical, and that the name of the Messenger of truth for this age will be or is CYRUS (Isaiah 44:28 and 45:1-4); and when he comes, whoever he is, he will necessarily be in possession of the fundamentals of all truth, strange as it may seem to the average man.—*The Interpreter*, Denver, Colo.

The World's News.

Jan. 23.—Members of British parliament hastening to London to take oath of fealty to King Edward VII.—Resolutions of sorrow for England's bereavement passed by both Houses of Congress.—Canadian authorities proclaim allegiance to new King.—U. S. purchases two small islands of the Philippine group from Spain for \$100,000.—Grand opera house at Cincinnati burns.—University conference convenes to discuss inspiration of the Bible.—Creek Indians in revolt.—Jan. 24.—New King sworn in; proclaimed King Edward VII in throne-room of St. James' palace.—\$3,000,000 fire at Montreal, Can.—Queen Victoria said to have possessed \$150,000,000 at time of her death.—Chinese envoys deliver signed and sealed documents to powers; peace may now be declared.—Kitchener makes a desperate move to crush the Boers.—Jan. 25.—Creek Indians start on the war-path; troops called out.—Gambling den discovered in dormitories of Chicago University.—10 Americans and 7 native soldiers kill 100 Filipino insurgents at Leneguna.—Cuban convention at work on Constitution.—Mrs. Nation continues to wreck saloons in Kansas.—Jan. 26.—Scientists at Chicago University scout the Bible; assert that education in the sciences is productive of skepticism.—\$450,000 fire in Chicago; Pitkin & Brooks' crockery house burned.—Big fire in St. Louis French parochial school.—Burglars' trust intimidates farmers of western Illinois; hold-ups extorting money, and threatening assassination; wealthy men called upon to pay ransom on their own lives.—Britain concludes that a male ruler will be beneficial.—Baron Wilhelm Rothschild is dead.—U. S. troops enter Creek Indian reservation.—Miscreant fires at Queen Regent of Spain.—Jan. 27.—Boxing bout at Harvard College proves fatal.—Burglars secure \$30,000 from Peoria revenue office.—Fire panic at Willard's hotel, Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Nation planning further raids on Kansas saloons.—Pope issues an encyclical letter on socialism.—English parliament assembles to rearrange royal revenue.—Boers capture a train and batch of fusileers.—Mrs. Langtry mobbed in London theater, because she persisted in playing "The Degenerates" after announcement of Queen's death.—Turkey is menaced by insurrection in Macedonia.—Liberal English press denounces Boer war.—Jan. 28.—New Harrison club organized in a Chicago saloon.—Dowie's bank-teller disappears; no funds missing; kidnapping feared.—Rebels defeat Venezuelan government troops in battle.—Leaders of Creek uprising captured.—British lose heavily in engagements with the Boers.—Jan. 29.—Tornado and tidal wave sweep coasts of Belgium and Germany; ships destroyed and lives lost.—Senator Towne makes eloquent plea in Senate for Filipinos.—British detectives fear anarchist plots at meeting of royalties at Queen's funeral.—Boers making startling strides in Cape Colony.

The Flaming Sword's Exchanges.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.—The cover on February number is illumined by a beautiful color reproduction of Trumbull's "Surrender of Burgoyne." This Midwinter number is unusually fine, opening with a splendid description and illustrations of the Pan-American Exposition. Two interesting articles are concerning caison sinking and Lake fishing—both illustrated; an American Artist Abroad is embellished with beautiful reproductions of Ridgway Knight's paintings near Paris. Grandsir's Charge is a story of the American Revolution; while Martena's Cu'yus Ways is a story of the Negro South. The serial, Hazard of Hearts, ends with this number; and a new serial, The Road to Frontenac, begins in the March number. 10 cents per copy. 141-147 Fifth ave., New York City.

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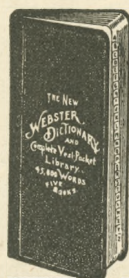
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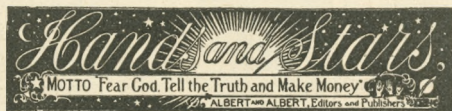
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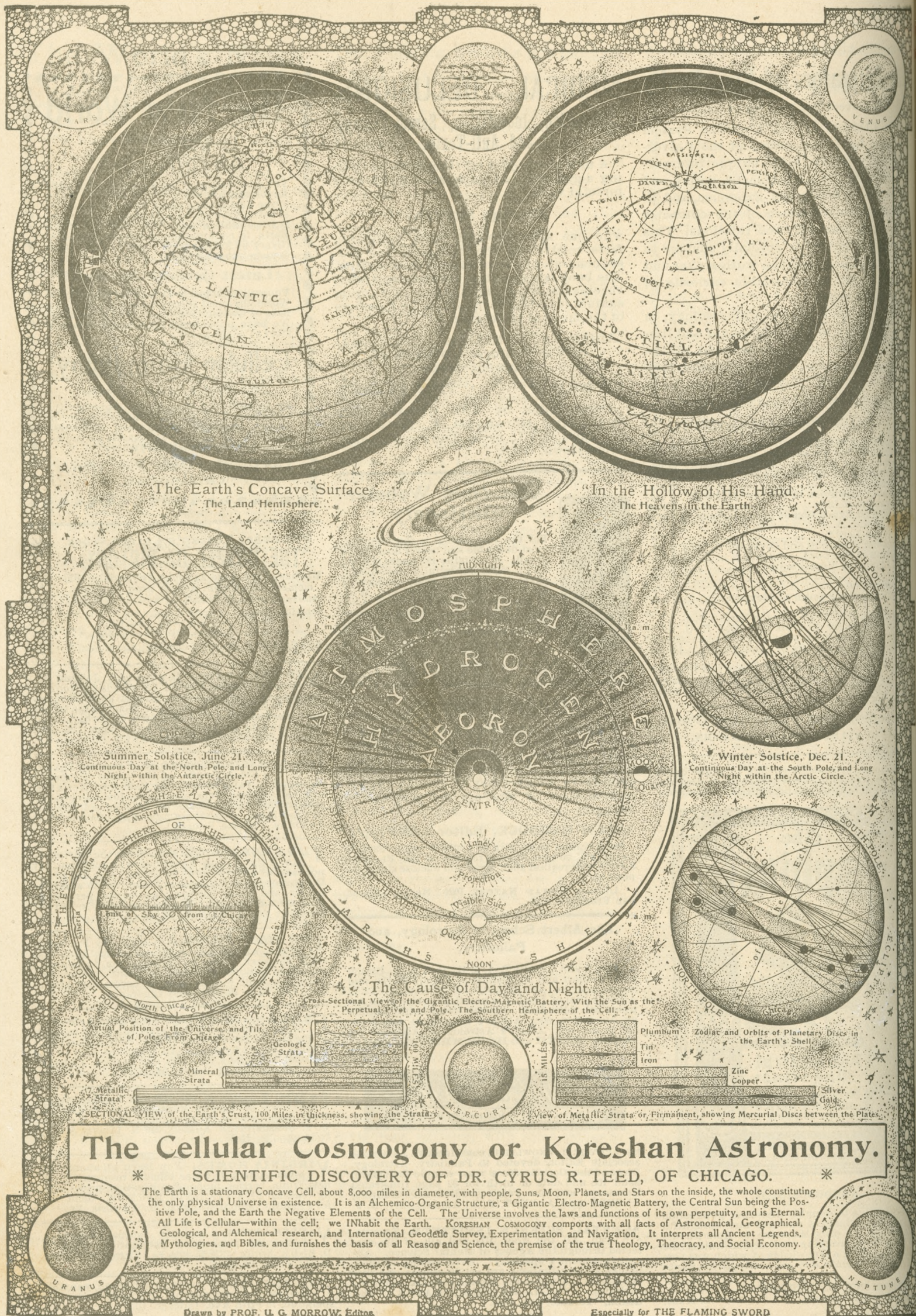
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